

**REPORT/RECOMMENDATION TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
OF SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY, CALIFORNIA
AND RECORD OF ACTION**

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March 23, 2004

FROM: KEN A. MILLER, Director
Department of Public Works - **Transportation**

**SUBJECT: PLANS AND SPECIFICATIONS FOR ROAD IMPROVEMENTS TO EL MIRAGE
ROAD IN THE EL MIRAGE AREA**

RECOMMENDATION: (1) Approve plans and specifications for the road improvements on El Mirage Road in the El Mirage area; and (2) Authorize the Director of Public Works to advertise for bids.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION: El Mirage Road has an existing hump near the intersection of Gray Mountain Road, which obstructs the view of vehicles turning onto El Mirage Road from Gray Mountain Road. Department staff has reviewed the roadway and determined that the roadway will be lowered to eliminate the hump to increase the level of safety for motorists using the road. The work will be performed within the existing road right-of-way

On June 3, 2003, the Board found the project to be exempt under CEQA, approved the project as defined in the Notice of Exemption, and directed the Clerk to post said notice. Board approval is required to approve plans and specifications, which are on file with the Department, and to authorize the Director to advertise for bids on local agency construction projects in accordance with Sections 20124 and 20125 of the California Public Contract Code.

REVIEW AND APPROVAL BY OTHERS: This item was reviewed by Deputy County Counsel Charles S. Scolastico (387-5481) on March 1, 2004 and by the County Administrative Office (Tom Forster, Administrative Analyst, 387-4635) on March 14, 2004.

FINANCIAL IMPACT: The actions to approve plans, specifications and authorize advertisement for bids have no financial impacts. Upon receipt of a satisfactory bid, a recommendation of award of a contract will be forwarded to the Board as a separate action. The total project cost is estimated at \$350,000, which will be financed by gas tax funds, included in the Fiscal Year 2003/2004 Transportation Budget (SAA-TRA-TRA-14H13546).

COST REDUCTION REVIEW: The County Administrative Office has reviewed this item and concurs with the Department's recommendations because removal of the hump on El Mirage Road is needed to enhance safety of the motoring public at this site.

SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT(S): 1ST

PRESENTER: Ken A. Miller, 387-7906

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